



**Safety Committee
June 14, 2010
5:00 PM
Minutes**

Call to Order: Mr. Donahue called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting today was Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Donahue and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Carrie Hoover (Community Affairs), Sgt. Kern and Matt Peoples (Public Works Director).

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Mershon moved to approve the minutes of the May 10th, 2010 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTES **AYES** Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Donahue
 NAYS
 Motion carried

Pended Items:

10-05 Park Rules Update – Revision of Ordinance 32-06

Mr. Peoples stated that 32-06 is specific to Guiler Park only and we needed to get some more rules included. A list of rules was included in the packet that encompasses all the parks. It is modeled from the Village of Grovport.

Sgt. Kern discussed the penalty phase of the rules. His suggestion was if someone disobeys park rules,

1st offense – 30 days banned from the park

2nd offense – 60 days banned from park

3rd offense – 1 year banned from the park

4th offense – banned for life

Sgt. Kern would keep track of the offenses for enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding any changes that should be made to the proposed rules. Pet and helmet policies were discussed. Mr. Hollins will look over the proposed rules and they can be tweaked until then. Mrs. Turner will sponsor the legislation when it comes to full council.

New Items for Discussion:

10-08 Walnut Creek Park Improvements

This is an open discussion about the future of Walnut Creek Park. With the concept of the CWJRD Park in the works; Walnut Creek will need to be re-vamped so as to not compete with the other park. The Frisbee golf area will still be a great use of that land area for a relatively low cost. Parking can be extended and two tennis courts are in the budget for 2011 and Walnut Creek Park would be an ideal location. There is a drainage project in the works. Perimeter drains will help the situation.

One of the original concept plans had a sledding hill that was taken out. Mrs. Mershon suggested putting that back in. Mr. Donahue suggested an ice skating pond. Discussion ensued. A new needs assessment of Walnut Park can be done after the CWJRD park is finalized.

10-09 Signage

Open discussion about the park signage around town. Walnut Creek doesn't have a sign and Hanners Park and Guiler Park signs are in very poor condition. The CW medallion logo will be used again and they will look into other sign materials. Discussion ensued.

10-10 Sheriff's Contract Extension

The draft of the extension of the contract was included in the packet. It is to be extended for two years. There were two significant changes in the contract; the first being that the County has asked that the contract run according to the calendar year. The second is a clause that allows the Sheriff and the Village to recognize when there is a need for additional Deputies and when/if that is the case, they can be added. There is a price included for the remaining 5 months of 2010; that cost is down from years past due to the experience of the Deputies at this time. The contract will last for four years. Mr. Donahue will sponsor this legislation.

Fairfield County Sheriff's Report:

The "Click-it or Ticket" program wrapped up this month. From May 24th to June 6th, 167 traffic stops were initiated and 141 citations were given. 45 of those citations were for seatbelt violations.

Community Affairs Report:

The pool opened just over a week ago. The weather has not been great, so the attendance has been low. The pool heater broke just before opening day; no one has noticed or complained, as of yet. They are waiting on an estimate, but they are considering not replacing it, since it is only used in the month of June.

Music and Art in the Park is this Friday and the weather looks like it will hold out. Please come out and support the event.

Newsletters went out today and should be received by Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Mershon asked about the rules for membership for people outside of the school district that would like to be on the swim team. Mayor Ebert and Ms. Hoover stated that they have this issue each year and we cannot make exceptions. Discussion ensued.

Old/New Business:

Mr. Donahue brought up the issue of driving and texting. He believes we need to create our own Ordinance soon, instead of waiting on the State to create theirs. Ms. Osborn will find an example and will get it to Mr. Donahue to look over. Mayor Ebert asked whether the ordinance should pertain to texting only or to distracted driving. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Turner said that Pfeifer's rocks still look poorly. Mr. Peoples stated that the whole area has been cleaned up significantly and it looks much better. The Village has offered to move the rocks for him, but Mr. Pfeifer refused. We don't have a way to force him to move rocks after all the other improvements he has made. There is no code enforcement reason to have him move them.

Mrs. Mershon asked if more trash receptacles could be added along the bike path; especially in the James H. Kelley preserve area. Mr. Peoples stated that there are already several in the areas that are easily accessible for Village workers to change them.

Mr. Peoples stated that the Madison Township Fire Department training fire went off today with no problems.

New meeting time for the safety committee was discussed. Ms. Osborn will look into the possible daytime slots available and will get back to the Committee.

Adjournment

Mrs. Turner moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

VOTES **AYES** Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Donahue

NAYS

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.